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degree of doctor of laws shall be conferred on no more than five persons in any one calendar year.

"Sec. 2. The members of the board of examiners shall hold office during the pleasure of the regents of the Smithsonian Institution. Each examiner shall devote his entire time to the duties of instruction and examination assigned to him by the said regents, and shall receive a salary of \$4,000 per annum, except that the chairman of the board shall receive a salary of \$5,000 per annum.

"Sec. 3. The said regents shall also appoint, subject to appropriations by Congress, such minor offices, and shall establish such rules, regulations and forms as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this act. They shall also establish a schedule of reasonable fees to be paid by candidates for examination for degrees, which fees shall be paid into the treasury of the United States to the credit of the Smithsonian Institution.

"Sec. 4. The said regents are hereby authorized to accept and to administer any bequest or gift of real or personal property which may be made to them to establish lectureships, to endow chairs of instruction, to establish fellowships, scholarships or prizes, to purchase land, to erect buildings, or otherwise to carry out the provisions of this act.

"Sec. 5. The sum of \$50,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any monies in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended as other public monies appropriated for the use of the Smithsonian are expended to carry out the purposes of this act."

THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

At the December meeting of the Regents of the University of Nebraska, no election was made of a chancellor to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Dr. George MacLean, in July. The committee on chancellor asked for more time.

Dr. Bessey, acting chancellor, reported upon the condition of the University. Six hundred and twenty-two new students entered the University during the fall term, and at the present time there are registered in all departments

1560 students, this not including the students present in the summer session, nor those registered in the School of Music and School of Agriculture (short course). The total registration for the year will probably reach about 2100. The registrations in scientific work are as follows: Botany, 153; Chemistry, 526; Entomology, 25; Geology, 100; Physics, 348; Zoology, 160; in technical lines, Civil Engineering, 54; Electrical Engineering, 70; Mechanical Engineering, 251; in languages, German, 629; Greek, 172; Latin, 407; French, 328; English, 1556; History, 570; Political Science, 215; Law, 151.

Among the material improvements during the year are the steam tunnels for carrying steam heat to the different halls on the campus, the completion of the interior work on Mechanic Arts Hall, and the erection of 'Experiment Station Hall,' and an additional power plant—the two buildings last named being on the University Farm.

In accordance with a report made by a committee of the faculty, the regents designated exactly the constitution of the faculties of the two four-year colleges ('Letters' and 'Science').

On Acting Chancellor Bessey's recommendation, plans were ordered drawn with reference to the eventual removal of the University from its present site in the city to its domain in the suburbs known as the 'University Farm.' Early removal is not contemplated, but all buildings and other improvements on this domain are to be made hereafter with reference to the future removal of the University to its new site.

The acting chancellor called attention to the desirability of continuing the University work throughout the year, as is done in the University of Chicago, and the regents appointed a committee to investigate the matter and to report at a future meeting.

Dr. William W. Hastings was given a short leave of absence to enable him to make anthropometric investigations in northern Mexico. Professor Nicholson, for many years head professor of Chemistry, was given, on his request, a leave of absence for one year, beginning January 1, 1900. During his absence Dr. John White is head professor of the department.